

made scientific conclusions that there was not climate change. Many Republicans seemed to suggest Vice President Gore come back and build an igloo on the White House.

Well, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has released information that says we had the warmest January to April ever, the warmest January to April ever since they started collecting data in 1880. And what do we get from our Republican colleagues? More drilling, more drilling. Not safeguards, but more drilling.

They go out and hold a press conference and ask for more offshore drilling. Rather than that, they should call for more solar investment, rebates for Americans to have solar technology, and get us away from fossil fuels that are ruining the gulf and causing the greatest disaster we have known in the Gulf of Mexico and ecological disaster we have known on this Earth.

While it's unclear what caused this tragic spill, what we can do to prevent future catastrophes is clear: We need to get away from fossil fuels. But Republicans are only interested in lining the pockets of oil companies and making sure that they have the opportunity to drill, drill, drill; spill, spill, spill. We need to stop it, and we need to get a policy that works.

CONGRATULATING ISAAC BEHAR ON HIS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM MIAMI JEWISH HEALTH NETWORKS

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize an outstanding constituent from my district in south Florida, Isaac Behar, a longtime humanitarian, philanthropist, and businessman. Ike will be presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Miami Jewish Health Networks.

Ike's American journey embodies the American Dream. At the age of 20, Isaac left Havana for the United States with only \$50 and the dream of building a new life and helping others. He proudly served our country, the United States, in the Army in the Korean War.

Upon completion of his service, he started his own clothing business, the Ike Behar Company, with over 400 employees. After seeing the great care that his mother-in-law received from the Miami Health Networks, Isaac decided to make sure that others would be able to take advantage of their great services. Due to his generosity and commitment, the Miami Health Networks have been able to continue to serve all south Floridians.

Ike, I would like to commend you for your service, for your support for our community and our Nation. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to improving the lives of all south Floridians. Thank you.

FIREFIGHTERS

(Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, we are entering the heart of wildfire season in Arizona. Over the coming months, folks in my district will be faced with serious threats to their lives and property time and again; and time and again, these threats will be contained thanks to our firefighters.

As much as anyone, we in District One know the risk firefighters take to protect our communities. We remember how hard they worked to keep us safe when the Rodeo-Chediski fire forced thousands of Arizonans to evacuate their homes. We saw them heading into the forest to battle the Boggy fire, which they successfully contained 18 miles from Alpine just yesterday.

These brave men and women face incredible danger as a basic part of their jobs. So far this year, 34 firefighters have lost their lives in the line of duty. We must honor their service and sacrifice and renew our commitment to providing them with the support they need to fulfill their duties. It is the least we can do.

MORE DEBT

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, last week the President's chief budget adviser, Peter Orszag, said that the administration was unwilling to send a package of deficit-reducing budget cuts to Capitol Hill. Even though the President's party is in control of both Houses, Orszag didn't think administration budget recommendations would be considered.

Just a few days later, however, the President announced that he wants Congress to pass a \$50 billion bill to bail out States, regardless of whether that spending increases the deficit. So the administration is perfectly willing to dictate to Congress that we should increase our already burdensome national debt, but wholly unwilling to recommend sensible cuts to existing government programs. We just can't go on like this.

This week, Greece just had another debt rating agency slash their bond rating to junk. Now Europe is putting together a bailout package for Spain, Italy, Ireland, and Portugal may not be far behind. The warnings are numerous, but I fear that they are being ignored. We have to get control of our Federal budget or there is not going to be anyone big enough to bail us out.

PUTTING PEOPLE BACK TO WORK

(Mr. PERLMUTTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, listening to my friend from Pennsylvania, I remind him as well as others that the last month of George Bush this country lost 780,000 jobs in 1 month. Okay? Fourteen months later, 15 months later we gained some 400,000 jobs in this country, a swing of 1,100,000 jobs per month.

But in the process, down here in the recession after the Bush administration, we lost 8 million jobs. We have a long way to go to put those people back to work. But for Democrats, that's job number one, to continue to add jobs and put people back to work.

When President Bush left it was a \$1.3 trillion deficit. We know that we have to rein in spending, and we can begin with Iraq, by drawing down those troops and saving this country some real money.

Our first job is to put people back to work, and that's what Democrats are going to do.

MARINE CORPS LEGEND SERGEANT CHUCK TALIANO

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, a Marine Corps legend and Beaufort, South Carolina, resident, passed away on Friday, leaving behind many touched lives, an iconic image, and a legacy of service to our great country.

This is a copy of the iconic Marine Corps recruit photo of Sergeant Chuck Taliano. The story of how Sergeant Chuck Taliano ended up on this famous poster is best reported by Patrick Donahue in the Beaufort Gazette. The article explains that:

"Sergeant Chuck Taliano was awaiting an honorable discharge at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island in 1968 when a reservist writing a book about boot camp snapped a photo of him giving a recruit an 'attitude readjustment.'"

"That cemented Taliano's place in Corps legend."

"The photo captured his snarling mug inches from a fresh-faced recruit with the caption, 'We don't promise you a rose garden.' It was on thousands of Marine Corps recruiting posters printed during the 1970s and 1980s."

I want to thank Sergeant Taliano and his family for his commitment to America and the Marine Corps. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the global war on terrorism. God bless the U.S. Marine Corps.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 5297

(Mr. QUIGLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5297, the Small